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New program helps Iraqi Police officers keep their jobs by teaching them to read and write



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**Cover: A pilot program for a new literacy course for Iraqi Police officers recently graduated 84 students. Concerns about dedicated officers losing their jobs because of illiteracy helped fuel creation of the program.**

Photo by Ann Bertucci

## Rice urges world to stop making excuses for terrorists

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The U.S. secretary of state wants people to stop making excuses for terrorists.

In an interview aired July 28 on Public Broadcasting System's "Jim Lehrer NewsHour," Condoleezza Rice fairly bristled at the suggestion that the United States was creating terrorists with its policies. "When are we going to stop making excuses for the terrorists and saying that somebody is making them do it?" Rice said.

Rice said terrorists are simply evil people who want to kill. They are attempting to implicate the 1.5 billion Muslims worldwide in their schemes. "They want to kill in the name of a perverted ideology that really is not Islam, but they somehow want to claim that mantle to say that this is about some kind of grievance," she said. "This isn't about some kind of grievance. This is an effort to destroy, rather than to build."

Rice pointed out that terrorists struck the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, with no provocation. "We weren't in Iraq. We weren't even in Afghanistan on Sept. 11," she said.

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members have died protecting the rights of Muslims in Kuwait, Bosnia and Kosovo. Terrorists have embraced the ideology of violent extremism by their own choice. "No one is making them do it," Rice said. "They're doing it because they want to create chaos and to undermine our way to life."

The secretary said terrorists have attacked innocents all over the world. "They've attacked in Morocco and in Bali and in Egypt and in London and in Madrid," she said. "And until everybody in the world calls it by name - the evil that it is - (and) stops making excuses for them, then I think we're going to have a problem."

She said she hopes that after the recent bombings in England and Egypt and the suicide bombing that killed children getting candy from American soldiers in Baghdad "that people will call this by name and stop making excuses for these people."



Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Secretary of State, prepares for an interview with the media during her visit to Iraq in May.  
Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. W. Watson Martin

"Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them."

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

# Literacy program bolsters Iraqi Police force

**By Ann Bertucci**  
CPATT Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq - As word spread earlier this year that any Iraqi Police personnel would be dismissed if they couldn't pass a literacy test, some Iraqi police leaders expressed concerns. One police chief told how the fighters of his police force – those who stayed and bravely fought as others fled when their station came under attack – were the very ones that would be fired because they could not read.

The problem of illiteracy in Iraq can be traced back to the former regime. Either directly or indirectly, those not in favor were denied an education as a means of punishment. Officials began to question whether the Coalition would be reinforcing such punishment by implementing a literacy requirement for police.

A literacy course for police officers was developed in response to the concerns. The program goals are to empower those impoverished by the former regime and to help the Iraqi people overcome illiteracy.



Graduates of the recent pilot program for a new Iraqi Police literacy course proudly display their certificates of appreciation.

Photo by Ann Bertucci

Targeting young, bright and motivated individuals, a pilot program began in June at the Baghdad Police College. Students were selected from a group that had failed the police literacy exam. The candidates were given a

cognitive skills test that provided an indicator of their ability to learn. This resulted in 105 students being accepted into the program; 95 showed up for the eight-week course.

The program was developed and taught by five Iraqi teachers, former Arabic language instructors from secondary or elementary schools. They were selected based on their

commitment and passion for the program, as well as their ability and desire to teach adults.

Overcoming difficulties and frustrations, the instructors and students persevered over the eight-week course to accomplish what one student described as the impossible. The challenges pulled everyone together, said Don Lane, who provided oversight to the program as a U.S. police trainer with the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq. Lane described seeing the students studying together late in the evening in their barracks, sweat pouring from their faces.

“They supported each other through it all,” Lane said. “I am extremely proud of both the students and the instructors.”

Eighty-five students who made it through the training faced a final challenge before graduating – the police entrance exam – with 84 receiving a passing score Aug. 4. Three of the students are serving police officers who are now in a position to retain their jobs, while 81 will shortly begin the 10-week police basic training program at the Baghdad Police College.

Because of the success of the pilot program, the Literacy Program for police will continue for at least three more courses. Leaders intend to seek donor support for a wider literacy program for serving police officers. Candidates for future courses will be those who face losing their jobs due to failing the literacy requirement. Those who pass the program will be able to remain in the police, while those who fail will be discharged.

After the graduation ceremony, where each student received a certificate of completion and a personal copy of the Koran, many students expressed gratitude to the instructors and staff.

“I have gained a new confidence in myself and no longer have to worry about not being able to read,” said Zaman Salman Bhedel. “This course has given me the ability to write a police report and read documents people give to the police. This is like a dream for me.”

## NATO Training Mission—Iraq welcomes new deputy

### NTM-I Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Italian Maj. Gen. Pier Giorgio Segala assumed the position of NATO Training Mission – Iraq's deputy commander in a July 27 ceremony at NTM-I's headquarters in the International Zone.

Segala, 53, replaces Denmark Maj.

Gen. Agner Rokos, who had served in the position since Feb. 6.

A native of Trento, Italy, Segala holds degrees in Strategic Science and Political and Diplomatic Science. He entered the Military Academy in 1963 and was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in 1967. As an Infantry officer of amphibious troops, he has commanded

Marine units and the “Pinerolo” Mechanized Brigade. Prior to this assignment, Segala was the senior adviser to the Iraqi Reconstruction Management Office.



Italian Maj. Gen. Pier Giorgio Segala, NTM-I's new deputy commander. NTM-I photo



# Diyala Province under Iraqi Army control

**By U.S. Army Sgt. Matthew Acosta**  
22<sup>nd</sup> MPAD, Task Force Liberty

BAQUBAH, Iraq – Cheers rang out in the closing moments of a July 31 ceremony that transferred the security responsibility for one fifth of the Diyala Province to the Iraqi Army.

Improved security in the Diyala Province has allowed Coalition forces to successfully transition operational control of Forward Operating Base Scunio to Iraqi control.

“Today’s ceremony is a demonstration of the Iraqi Army’s commitment to providing security for their own country,” said U.S. Army Col. Steven Salazar, commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Task Force Liberty. “They are well trained and equipped.”

Iraqi soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division, hoisted the Iraqi flag over the newly named FOB Khamees. The base is named in honor of an Iraqi Army major killed in action June 26.

Diyala Provincial Governor Ra’ad Hameed Juwad believes the citizens of Iraq are gaining a sense of security.

“The Iraqi Army gives confidence to



An Iraqi Army soldier from 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division, raises the Iraqi colors over Forward Operating Base Khamees — formerly FOB Scunio — in a July 31 ceremony in Baqubah, Iraq.

Photo by Sgt. Matthew Acosta, 22<sup>nd</sup> MPAD

the people of Iraq,” Ra’ad said.

Delivering the ceremony’s keynote speech, Ra’ad emphasized the progress the Iraqi Army has made and said their progress is only the beginning of what they will achieve in the future.

“This is just one more example of Coalition forces turning over control to the Iraqi people,” said Salazar.

“It’s our responsibility to take care of our land and to protect our people and we will do it,” said Iraqi Col. Saman Asi Talibany, 2nd Brigade commander.

The Iraqi soldiers welcomed their new responsibility as they assembled below the newly raised flag.

“Where are the terrorists today?” the soldiers shouted. “Hell for the terrorists today!”

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# Top Iraqi, American officials honor martyrs

**By U.S. Army Spc. Erin Robicheaux**

256th Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

**CAMP JUSTICE, Iraq** — As a special monument was unveiled, Iraqi and U.S. officials honored four Iraqi Army soldiers who gave their lives for the security of Iraq during the Ashura holiday.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq; representatives from the offices of the Prime Minister of Iraq and the Minister of Interior; and family members of the fallen soldiers attended an Aug. 4 ceremony at Camp Justice, home of the 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division.

Doctor Ahmed Chalabi, Iraq's deputy prime minister, said the country owed a great debt to the four soldiers and their families. He promised the Iraqi government would care for them in gratitude for the soldiers' gift to the country.

"Words fall short to express the great sacrifice these soldiers have made, and our work is to help those they left behind," he said. His office donated 500,000 Iraqi dinar to the families.

Chalabi also said the sacrifices of these soldiers should not be taken in vain and all citizens of Iraq must join the fight against terrorism. He extended his hand in the name of the prime minister to the people of his country to help in the fight against evil.

The success is already proven, he said — in fact, the very spot where the memorial now stands was once the same location of the 5th Intelligence Branch of the old regime.

"This was one of the most feared terrorist areas in all of Baghdad," Chalabi said. It is now the headquarters of the 1st Brigade, commanded by Iraqi Brig. Gen. Jalil Khalaf Shwayel and Iraqi Command Sgt. Maj. Hassan Abdul Kadum.

"The 1st Brigade is the hope of the Iraqi people," Chalabi said.

The four fallen soldiers were killed in three separate incidents since the 2003 liberation of Iraq.

While on a mission in the vicinity of the Al Mufty Mosque in Wazeeria, Iraqi Sgt. Basheer Adil Khamees Ali Al Hayali and Iraqi Warrant Officer Naseer Abid Mohsin encountered a terrorist approaching a traffic point.

They "heroically prevented the advance of the terrorist, thus protecting the pilgrims of Ashura," said a document distributed by the 1st Iraqi Army Brigade. The publication also praised Iraqi Sgt. Saif Ali Husain Ameen, who shot a suicide bomber four times in the chest while on a security mission at Antar Square. The terrorist detonated his explo-



**Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, Doctor Ahmed Chalabi, and U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq admire a monument built in honor of four fallen soldiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division.**

Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Erin Robicheaux

sives and took the life of the young sergeant. Saif's actions saved the lives of many Ashura pilgrims.

Iraqi Sgt. Ali Majid Khalaf Menati was tasked to establish a traffic control point in the vicinity of Al Iskan during the elections. He was killed when he noticed a suspicious man and interrupted his path to search him. While Sgt. Menati performed his duty, the man detonated a bomb taking both their lives. Menati's actions also saved lives of countless Iraqi citizens.

Iraqi Lt. Gen. Daham Radi Al-Assal, a representative of the Minister of Defense, also attended the ceremony. He said the fallen soldiers were the flag of Iraq who wrote, with their blood, the story of this country.

"They spread success and freedom throughout all of Iraq with their sacrifices, and they will never be forgotten," he said.

**See 'Martyrs'**

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# Coalition forces handing over the mission in Kirkuk



Iraqi policemen search a car stopped at a traffic control point in the city of Kirkuk, Iraq.

Photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Duane M. Brown

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22nd MPAD Task Force Liberty

KIRKUK, Iraq – As the battle against the insurgency continues in Iraq, U.S. forces here are taking a back seat and putting Iraqi Police officers up front and in control.

U.S. Soldiers of 3rd platoon, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 116th Brigade Combat Team, who have been working with the Kirkuk police for almost six months, are confident it's time for the Iraqis to be seen as in charge.

"The Iraqi police have been running traffic control points since May and they have been doing a pretty good job," said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Brad E. Attebery, of the 3rd platoon. "Now we stay out of sight so the town of Kirkuk sees its police out in front doing their job."

Even though the Iraqi Police officers are running the traffic control points, it doesn't mean Coalition support is no longer needed.

"We're in the background to make sure they are doing their job right," Attebery said.

Attebery said Soldiers pull security in the back of the traffic control points to make sure no one attacks from the rear.

On the backside of the traffic control points, members of the community are often curious about the Soldiers.

"They are very cautious of us at first. They want to feel us out and see what type of people we are," said U.S. Army Sgt. Samuel E. Tozer, 4th squad team leader. "They treat us pretty good. We give them respect and they give us respect."

"Most of the citizens like Coalition forces being in Kirkuk. They think we're doing a good job working with the Iraqi Police and Iraqi Army," he added.

The majority of people are helpful and cooperative with the police. They volunteer information on anti-Iraq force activity, an Iraqi policemen said.

"They do this because they know it will help everyone," said an Iraqi Police officer.

Now that the police are getting more comfortable with their mission and the community continues to support them, the IP will run daily operations alone.

"When we leave country, they will pretty much be on their own," Attebery added.

Two Iraqi soldiers carry a wreath to a memorial dedicated in memory of four of their fallen brothers.

Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Erin Robicheaux



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Petraeus said the successes of the Iraqi Army, and the heroism of the 1st Iraqi Brigade soldiers honored with the monument, are proof to the success of training and mentorship programs established over the course of the

last year.

"The mission is to help the Iraqi military force, not fight the fight for them," he said.

Petraeus said the numbers speak for themselves. Last year at this time, only three active Iraqi Army battalions existed; now there are

more than 100, and the number continues to rise.

"This is proof that the American and Multi-National forces are doing what it takes to give the power to the Iraqi Army," said Petraeus. "This is a fight for the Iraqi people and its forces."

# Operation Thunder Cat nets 171 suspected terrorists

**By U.S. Army 1st Lt. Taysha Deaton**

256th Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

BAGHDAD — Soldiers of the 256th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and the 1st and 3rd Brigades of the 6th Iraqi Army Division, conducted combined offensive operations called Operation Thunder Cat.

The operation — a series of cordon and attack missions that resulted in the capture of 171 suspected terrorists — took place July 26-30.

Thunder Cat was part of a much larger Task Force Baghdad operation called Operation Thunder. The focus of this operation and

future operations is to disrupt and destroy the insurgency, said U.S. Army Brig. Gen. John Basilica Jr., 256th BCT commander.

"This operation was primarily an Iraqi Army mission, beginning with intelligence gathering, all the way through to the capture and detainment of the anti-Iraqi forces," he said. "Our brigade provided staff assistance to the Iraqi Security Forces and added combat power if needed."

Of the 127 suspected terrorists, 33 were specific brigade-level targets of the 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division captured by soldiers from the brigade's 2nd, 4th and 5th battalions.

"Operation Thunder Cat was an outstanding opportunity for the Iraqis to demonstrate their continued development into a fully operational combat unit," said U.S. Army Maj. Stuart Burruss, executive officer for 2nd Battalion, 156th U.S. Infantry Regiment, who worked with the Iraqi 5th Battalion, 1st Brigade during the operation. "The 5th Battalion leaders did an outstanding job preparing for and executing the mission."

This was proven by their performance, both technically and

tactically sound, and the high morale of junior leaders and soldiers, Burruss said.

One of the most successful operations was conducted by soldiers from the Iraqi 3rd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, who captured 45 detainees in the west Abu Ghraib district of Baghdad. Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 130th U.S. Infantry Regiment, 256th BCT, supported the mission by providing outer security.

U.S. Army Capt. Kurt Merseal, commander of Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 130th U.S. Infantry Regiment, said Iraqi Army soldiers showed significant improvement throughout Thunder Cat. "The Iraqi Army has progressed so much as a

team and unit, and it is satisfying for me to assist them in accomplishing our collective goal," he said.

"I noticed that the Iraqi Army has improved their situational awareness, as well as working together as a team," said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ronald Floyd, a Company C squad leader. "As they improve, it helps Coalition forces and



An Iraqi soldier with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division searches a home in the west Abu Ghraib district of Baghdad during Operation Thunder Cat July 30.

Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Timothy Belt

Iraqi citizens move forward."

Joint missions involving forces from different commands creates challenges in planning, execution and reporting which adds significant complexity to the operations, explained Basilica.

Operation Thunder Cat was the first time these challenges were managed using state-of-the-art computer networks to coordinate the efforts of the three Iraqi brigades, he said.

"The Iraqi Army has done a superb job and I am very proud of what they accomplished. The measure of success for this operation is not only the number of insurgents captured, but proof positive of the Iraqi Army's growth as a military force," Basilica said. "It is also a clear indication that they are becoming stronger and more capable as a team."

# Iraqi Security Forces / In Brief

## Iraqi Security Forces detain 17

AN NASIRIYAH – Iraqi Security Forces supported by Coalition forces conducted a joint search Aug. 4 for known terrorists in the An Nasr area just northwest of An Nasiriyah.

Iraqi and Coalition forces detained 17 suspects and confiscated nine vehicles during the operation.

Elsewhere, Iraqi Army soldiers detained three suspected insurgents after targeted searches in Mosul Aug. 5.

## Iraqi Police catch attackers

BAQUBAH – Iraqi Police officers eating lunch near the market in Old Baqubah were attacked by anti-Iraq forces Aug. 4.

Three unknown males attacked the officers with small arms fire. The officers returned fire and pursued their attackers, eventually catching two. The detainees were transported to a nearby jail for questioning.

## Iraqi Police graduate 142

BAGHDAD – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 142 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility Aug. 4 as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces.

The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 61 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 16 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 32 graduates, Criminal Intelligence with 16 graduates, and First Line Supervision with 17 graduates.

The Basic Criminal Investigation course covers topics such as theft, burglary, arson, robbery, sexual offenses, and homicide investigation. Participants also receive in-

struction and hands-on training in fingerprinting, photography, tool marks and plaster casting techniques. To date, 2,264 police officers have completed the Basic Criminal Investigations course.

The Interview and Interrogations course covers advanced interview and interrogation techniques and includes instruction on the preservation and protection of human rights, and the importance of ethical behavior during interviews and interrogations. To date, 543 students have completed this course.

The Violent Crime Investigation course introduces participants to investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in violent crimes including armed robbery, rape and murder. This course has graduated 541 officers to date.

The Criminal Intelligence course provides training in the planning, collection, analysis and distribution of intelligence information. This course also equips participants with the ability to recognize trends that may have an impact on public safety and security. This course has graduated 317 students to date.

First-Line Supervision focuses on major leadership areas for front line supervisors including human rights training, ethics and corruption, policing in a democracy, and interpersonal skills critical to effective leadership. To date, 465 students have graduated from this course.

Officers who participated in these courses previously completed either an eight-week basic training course for new recruits or a three-week 'transitional integration program' course designed for police officers currently serving, who have received little or no basic training.

The police officers report back for continued duty at their respective stations immediately.



## Did you know?

### Iraq – British Influence

During the First World War, which broke out in 1914, Turkey became a German ally along with Austria in a global conflict against Britain and France. Just before that time, Arab independence movements were picking up momentum. Arab leaders in many parts of the Arab world, including the Hashemite family of Hussein ibn-Ali, promised to aid Britain by revolting against the Ottoman Turks.

Arab cooperation came about when Britain agreed to recognize Arab independence after the war. The Ottoman empire collapsed when British forces invaded Mesopotamia in 1917 and occupied Baghdad. An armistice was signed with Turkey in 1918. Arab leaders expected to work out the details of Arab independence. But in 1920 the international League of Nations assigned pieces of the Ottoman empire to the victors, putting Mesopotamia under a British administration.

This arrangement, called a mandate, meant that Britain would establish a responsible Arab government in the territory according to a league-approved timetable. Local unrest, however, resulted in an Iraqi uprising in 1920, and after costly attempts to quell this, the British government decided to draw up a new plan for the state of Iraq.

Iraq was to be a kingdom, under the rule of Emir Faisal ibn Hussain, brother of the new ruler of neighboring Jordan, Abdallah, a member of the Hashemite family. Although the monarch was elected and proclaimed King by plebiscite in 1921, full independence was not achieved until 1932, when the British Mandate was officially terminated. In March 1945, Iraq became a founding member of the League of Arab States (Arab League), which included Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Yemen. And in December 1945, Iraq joined the United Nations.

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# Iraqi Security Forces / In Brief

## Iraqi Police graduate 1,816

BAGHDAD – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 1,816 police officers from basic police training courses in Sulaymaniyah, Al Hillah, and Baghdad Aug. 4. Completing the 10-week training course were 137 police recruits from the Sulaymaniyah Regional Academy, 643 from the Al Hillah Regional Academy, and 952, including 16 females, from the Baghdad Police College. Completing the three-week Transitional Integration Program (TIP) in Baghdad were 84 police officers.

The 10-week basic police training program is designed to provide fundamental and democratic policing skills based on international human rights standards to the students in preparation for assuming police officer responsibilities. The program consists of academic study of general policing topics combined with a heavy emphasis to tactical operational policing skills. The basic police training course was recently modified to increase combat survival and police skills training while building an attitude of teamwork and cohesion. New classes were added that provide for more hands-on and practical training exercises, especially addressing specific survival skills needed by today's Iraqi Police Service officers.

The TIP course is a three-week program developed for serving police officers with little or no prior basic training. TIP will provide these officers with a condensed version of the 10-week course. More than 40,000 police recruits have previously completed the longer course developed for new recruits. An additional 37,000 police officers have completed the TIP course to date. The new officers will report for duty in the coming weeks and take up their assignments at their respective police stations throughout Iraq.

## Iraqi Army sets up checkpoints

HAMIDIYAH – Iraqi Army soldiers established flash traffic control points at several different locations in an effort to identify anti-Iraq forces Aug. 3.

Soldiers with the 3rd Iraqi Army Division manned at least four different temporary checkpoints along a major route in the area, detaining 11 suspected insurgents. The detainees were transported to the Iraqi Army 3<sup>rd</sup> Division headquarters.

## Weapons cache found

MOSUL – Iraqi Army soldiers on patrol discovered a weapons cache Aug. 1.

Soldiers with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force found the cache consisting of 45 blasting caps, 15 M203 (grenade launcher) high explosive rounds, two Katusha rockets, three rocket-propelled grenade rockets, two light machine guns, one sniper rifle, 30 rocket-propelled grenade rounds, 20 PE4 plastic explosive (1/4) sticks, and one five-gallon can of acid.

## POB rounds up suspects

BAGHDAD – Officers with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Order Brigade conducted a search of neighborhoods in Salman Pak July 31.

Officers detained 12 suspected anti-Iraq force members and transported them to the 3<sup>rd</sup> POB headquarters for further questioning.

## Man with fuses detained

HIT – While conducting a combined security patrol Aug. 2, Iraqi Army soldiers searched a suspect and found artillery fuses.

Soldiers with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force and Coalition forces detained the suspect one kilometer northwest of Hit and transported him to a nearby camp for further questioning.

## Looking back

### One year ago in Iraq

Iraq's interim prime minister announced on Saturday, August 7, 2004, a temporary amnesty that would let some of the insurgency's minor players off the hook.

Ayad Allawi announced the amnesty for what he called "minor crimes." Among the minor crimes are the possession of light weapons and explosives, covering for terrorist elements and failing to inform the appropriate authorities about a crime.

The amnesty applies to people who have not been prosecuted. Allawi said the amnesty period is 30 days and applies only to crimes during the 15-month insurgency.

People wanted for crimes such as murder, kidnapping and rape won't receive amnesty. Allawi said those who committed crimes such as killing, from street criminals to alleged terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, "will be prosecuted."

He said the order had been issued to allow Iraqis to rejoin society and participate in the reconstruction of the country "instead of wasting their lives pointlessly toward a lost cause."

# Iraqi Security Forces / In Brief

## Iraqi Army soldier identifies AIF

HIT – Iraqi Army soldiers conducting a joint traffic control point in northern Hit detained five suspected anti-Iraq forces Aug. 1.

A soldier with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force recognized three men believed to be involved in insurgent activities as they approached the traffic control point. All four men traveling in the vehicle were detained, in addition to one other suspect who lied about his employment and other basic information. The five detainees were transported to a secure base in western Hit for further questioning.

## Iraqi soldiers secure IEDs

QAYYARAH – Following an explosion on a roadway, Iraqi Army soldiers received a report of unexploded ordnance in the same vicinity Aug. 2.

Soldiers with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iraqi Army Division rushed to the scene and secured the area. Two 130mm illumination rounds encased in concrete were found. Only one of the three improvised explosive devices detonated.

An explosive ordnance disposal team reduced the remaining IEDs without incident. Elsewhere, IEDs were found and cleared by Iraqi police in Rawah, Rabiya, and Baqubah.

## Iraqi Army soldiers locate cache

FALLUJAH – Iraqi Army soldiers conducting a joint cordon and search operation discovered a number of armaments Aug.

Soldiers with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force and Coalition forces searched an apartment complex, finding one 155mm artillery round, one rocket, one mortar round, and one rocket-propelled grenade round. An explosive ordnance disposal team was called in and destroyed the munitions in place.

## Insurgents admit activity

MOSUL – Iraqi police officers on a plain-clothes patrol observed three suspicious individuals and engaged them in conversation Aug. 1.

In the course of the conversation, the three suspects freely admitted to being terrorists dedicated to attacking Coalition forces. Iraqi police detained all three suspects and confiscated a pistol and two cell phones.

The three suspects were transported to an Iraqi police station for further questioning.

## Iraqi Army unit discovers IED

TUZ – Iraqi Army soldiers on patrol discovered an improvised explosive device on route Cheyenne, 11 kilometers northwest of Tuz July 31.

## Iraqi equipment roll-up

**A look at some of the equipment delivered to the Iraqi Security Forces in the past week**

Ammunition.....	4.2 million rounds
AK-47s.....	150
Grenades.....	6,400
Body Armor.....	40
Computers.....	54
Armored Personnel Carriers.....	3
Armored Jeeps.....	11
Ambulances.....	39
UAZ Jeeps.....	64
LUV trucks.....	327

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Soldiers with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Army Division alerted a Coalition explosive ordnance disposal team upon locating the suspected IED. The bomb team determined the explosives to be two 122mm Russian, high explosive projectiles. The device was destroyed in place.

Elsewhere, Iraqi police received information about a suspicious pack near the side of the road in Ad Diwaniyah. The Iraqi police sent a patrol to secure the area and found three bombs. The bombs were taken to a police headquarters in Ad Diwaniyah.

## Iraqi Army trains Iraqi Army

ZAAB – Non-commissioned officers of the 2/4 Iraqi Army Brigade (IAB) trained new Iraqi Army privates on individual weapon firing positions July 7. Coalition forces observed and assisted when needed. (Task Force Liberty Public Affairs)



# Iraqi Security Forces / In Brief

## DBE graduates 630 new officers

BAGHDAD – The Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement graduated 630 new border patrol officers in the past week, according to officials with the Civilian Police Training Team, Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq.

The two-week course includes instruction in patrolling, vehicle stops and searches, tactical tracking, interdiction, basic first aid, and weapons training.

The academy at Sulaymaniyah had 384 graduates July 28. The class at Al Kut graduated 246 new officers July 31. The majority of these new officers will be assigned to forts on the Syrian border.

New classes for both academies are scheduled to begin around Aug. 6 or 7. CPATT is projecting 544 students to be in attendance at Sulaymaniyah and 250 at Al Kut.

## Iraqi Army searches yield results

FALLUJAH – Iraqi Army soldiers supported by Coalition forces conducted targeted searches for anti-Iraq force operatives here July 30.

Soldiers with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force and Coalition forces searched more than 446 homes during the operation. A cache of bomb making materials was found, including one artillery fuse, 20 blasting caps, two triggering devices (Motorola radios), and three other triggering devices (garage door receivers with remotes and batteries). All the items were found hidden in an

air conditioning duct staged on a pile of trash. An Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal team removed the materials.

Soldiers detained three suspected insurgents during the operation. Two of the suspects were found in possession of one AK-47 automatic rifle, five loaded magazines, four bayonets, and insurgent propaganda materials. The third suspect was in possession of a .38 caliber revolver.

In a similar operation, soldiers with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force searched 205 houses and captured one mortar tripod and an improvised explosive device detonator, while detaining four suspected insurgents.

## Jordan Academy graduates 1,514

BAGHDAD – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 1,514 new police officers July 30 from the eight-week basic police training course at the Jordan International Police Training Center.

The basic police training program is designed to provide fundamental and democratic policing skills based on international human rights standards to the students in preparation for assuming police officer responsibilities.

The program consists of academic study of general policing topics combined with a heavy emphasis on tactical operational policing skills. The basic police training curriculum was recently modified to include more hands-on and practical training exercises especially addressing specific survival skills needed by today's Iraqi Police Service officers.

To date, over 20,126 officers have completed the basic police training course developed for new recruits at the Jordan International Police Training Center. An additional 36,000 police officers have completed the three-week TIP course developed for serving police officers with little or no prior basic training. TIP will provide these officers with a condensed version of the 10-week course.

The new officers will report for duty in the coming weeks and take up their assignments at their respective police stations throughout Iraq.

## Local reports IED

FORWARD OPERATING BASE PALIWODA – A tip from an Iraqi citizen led Soldiers with Task Force 5-7 to an improvised explosive device (IED) July 29. The IED, located alongside a road frequently traveled by Coalition forces, consisted of three 155mm artillery shells with 2 bottles of gasoline and a denotation device. The IED was destroyed and the citizen received a monetary reward for the information. (Task Force Liberty Public Affairs)

## Mayor meets with Coalition forces

FORWARD OPERATING BASE GABE – Mayor Khalid of Baqubah met with the civil affairs team of Task Force 1-10 July 15 to discuss a proposed new water filtration station for the citizens of Buhriz and the city scrap metal auction.

Mayor Khalid agreed that the auction was a good way for the city to raise money. (Task Force Liberty Public Affairs)

